

Planning committee to discuss freeway

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Members of the Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee are hoping that the third time is the charm.

Twice it has planned to take a position in the South Mountain Loop 202 route debate, but each time something popped up to delay a discussion and vote.

But the committee plans to discuss the freeway alignment and make a recommendation on a route during its March 27 meeting.

'Yellow brick road for criminals' unwanted from reader's view

Dear Editor:

I keep reading about the irresponsibility of people

who bought homes in the freeway corridor. Could someone please explain to me (without derogatory adjectives) why homes were built in the freeway corridor if they are only to be torn down?

Were these homes built with the intent to sit empty? If not, then someone was meant to buy them and the blame should go to the state and the builder for poor or no planning. Doesn't the buying of land that's been improved drive up the cost of the freeway astronomically?

Why, if the freeway was meant to become reality, wasn't land set aside for it and the community planned for it so that homes and schools don't have the freeway in their back yard? It's not just homeowners in the direct path of this monster that will suffer.

I can't imagine breathing worse air than I am right now, yet that is what will happen. Let's not discount the fact that Ahwatukee will be mostly surrounded by this yellow brick road for criminals. Property values in Ahwatukee will most definitely drop.

This is the time to take a stand against catering to vehicular traffic, and be respectful of an Arizonan's right to a healthier way of life. Let's stop living in our cars and giving drivers more rights than homeowners! – **Kris Roland**